

KÖLN, 19.1.1949
Unter Sachsenhausen 37

Der Hauptgeschäftsführer

D e c l a r a t i o n .

About the treatment of the bank Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Cie. in Cologne and its owners, especially of Baron Friedrich Carl von Oppenheim I affirm on oath:

Since 1922 I represented the manager of the association of banks and bankers of Rhineland and Westphalia during his frequent absence from Cologne. Since 1939 I carried on the affairs, because the manager had been called out. I have never been a member of the party or any of its organizations. It can be proved that I have been active against nationalsocialism.

Already several months after the nationalsocialistic party had taken over the governmental affairs the association of banks received verbal and telephonic instructions by offices of the party, after which the owners of the bank Oppenheim should no more be invited to meetings. The management was threatened with reprisals, if advertisements should be published in journals, in which the Jewish bank Oppenheim would be mentioned. These advertisements were published commonly by the banks. Baron Schröder as leader of the bank group and Gauwirtschaftsberater frequently required, that especially employees of the bank Oppenheim should be withdrawn for military actions and fortification labours.

The same banker also exerted himself to displace Baron Waldemar and Friedrich-Carl von Oppenheim from the economic and private positions, especially from the supervisory boards of companies.

Declaration

The party leaders always tried to defame the both two brothers Oppenheim in the public opinion. Finally Baron Friedrich-Carl von Oppenheim had been arrested.

Since 1932 I represented the manager of the association of banks and houses of banking and real estate in Cologne. Since 1935 I carried out the duties of the manager and manager had been called out. (Dr. Hilgermann)

The foregoing declaration was subscribed and sworn to by me this 24 day of January 1949 by Dr. Hilgermann

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Notary public

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